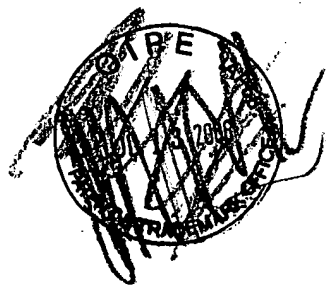


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July 13, 2006

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 14, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.